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SECTION VII

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19 SEPTEMBER 1964

File: 41-402

SUBJECT: GALT, Walter, alias Walter WILHELM, alias Walter GRIMM, alias Werner GRIMM, alias Gunter KLP.

No. 1 suspected Soviet Intelligence Agent

DETAILED REPORT

1. FULL NAME: Walter GALT, alias Walter WILHELM, alias Gunter KLP, alias Werner GRIMM, alias Gunter KLP. (S-2)
2. IDENTITY DOCUMENTS: German Kennkarte No. 8 513623, issued 10 November 1949 in KENIG (W51/K09), Discharge Certificate No. 9-13303, dated 6 December 1947, issued in MAXHEIS (W51/K57). (S-2)
3. PRESENT ADDRESS: FLECHTMUTH (W51/F19), House No. 31. (S-2)
4. PAST ADDRESSES:
 - a. From 1916 to 1934: HAMBURG (W51/K12), C52, Postalozisstr. 28.
 - b. From 1934 to 1937: ALZBURG-JACCHENBERG (W52/F29).
 - c. From 1937 to 1938: MUNICH-BIE (W53/A90); German Officer's School.
 - d. From 1938 to June 1945: Army Service.
 - e. From June 1945 to October 1945: BLUDERS/Brkt.
 - f. From October 1945 to September 1946: BREITENBACH near ELSASS/Brk.
(lived under assumed name of KLP)
 - g. From October 1946 to January 1947: FELDTHORNTHU.
 - h. From January 1947 to October 1947: WERL (W49/Y70), KÖLN-BECK
(W50/L15) and WERL (W51/H57).
 - i. December 1947 to present date: FLECHTMUTH, house no. 31. (F-3)
5. PHYSICAL DATA: 5 ft. 7 in. 165 lbs

EYES: Blue HAIR: Dark Blond BUILD: slender

CIVIL STATUS: Married (wife, Mrs. Gunter KLP, born 11 May 1917 in FELDT, residing TÜBINGEN, house no. 11)

BIRTH DATE: 15 JULY 1923 BIRTH PLACE: HAMBURG, BRK.

EDUCATION: Unknown PROFESSION: Professional soldier, (employed)
(paroled)

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WALTER ALIAS WALTER GEIFEL, alias WERNER GEULET, alias Carter WOLF

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS: Scar on upper part of right thigh.

(Obtained from identity documents, German records in NSHAM and observation)

(Photograph of SUBJECT previously submitted as Exhibit "I" of Agent Report, Region VII, subject and file as above, dated 13 July 1951). (B-2)

6. POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS:

a. Prior to 1933: None.

b. From 1933 to 1945: Member of Hitler Jugend (HJ) from June 1933 to August 1933, member of NSDAP from 1937 to 1945.

c. After 1945: No political affiliations or political preferences. (P-6)

7. SPOUSE, FRIENDS, RELATIVES, ASSOCIATES:

a. Spouse: Herta GEIFEL nee DIESPANG
Born 11 May 1917 in PLAUKEN, CZE
Residing FASCHENREUTH, House No. 31

b. Friends:

(1) Siegfried ROTHMUND
Approximately 33 years of age
Residing RESSAU, Bahnhofstr. 18
Has known SUBJECT since 1939; was together with SUBJECT in Waffen SS.

(2) Dr. Hans SCHLICKER, Physician
Approximately 37 years of age
Residing in COBURG, street address unknown
Has known SUBJECT since 1939; both served in Waffen SS.

(3) Reinhold KNOLL, Bricklayer
Approximately 37 years of age
Residing in FASCHENREUTH, House No. 76
Has known SUBJECT since 1943.

c. Relatives:

(1) Father - August GEIFEL, Booksmith
Date and place of birth unknown
Residing at STUTTGART (B9/B9), street address unknown
SUBJECT stated that he had previously written to his father's former address in PLÄCKEN, but has heard since that father is in US Zone city of GÖTTINGEN.

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- (2) Mother - Johanna GRIPPL née MAERZ, seamstress
Born 9 August 1892 in PLATEN, CSR
Residing at BAMBERG (HSO/O24), Neumarktstr. 17
- (3) Child - Lore GRIPPL, school student
Born 26 July 1940 in PERNITZ (H53/232), Austria
Residing at PASSAUERREUTH, House No. 81
- (4) Child - Annelie GRIPPL, minor
Born 4 October 1944 in MARIEBAD (H50/P56)
Residing at PASSAUERREUTH, House No. 81
- (5) Child - Klaus GRIPPL, minor
Born 4 May 1948 in PASSAUERREUTH
Residing at PASSAUERREUTH, House No. 81
- (6) Cousin - Elfriede GRENZ née MAERZ, housewife
Born 30 January 1918 in PLATEN, CSR
Residing at BAMBERG, Karolinamstr. 14

d. Associates:

- (1) Dr. Johannes KERSE, physician
Approximately 40 years of age
Residing at RECHTELOSAG (H51/H03) near BERAU
Has known SUBJECT since 1948
- (2) Georg LUDING, laborer
Approximately 48 years of age
Residing at RECHTELOSAG near RIEDEN
Has known SUBJECT since 1947
- (3) Liska KNOELL, housewife
Approximately 36 years of age
Residing in PASSAUERREUTH, House #75
Has known SUBJECT since 1949
- (4) Kurt GALLATH, carpenter
Approximately 31 years of age
Residing in PASSAUERREUTH
Has known SUBJECT since 1947
- (5) Robert FISCHER, liquor manufacturer
Born 23 May 1910 in RÖDERSDORF (H51/R57), GER
Residing in PASSAUERREUTH, House No. 81
SUBJECT was partially employed by FISCHER and his business
since mid-1948.

Source: FBI
Date: 10/10/51

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- (6) Karl SCHMITT, salesman
Approximately 46 years of age
Residing at HOF (X51/099), Farikzeile
Has known SUBJECT since 1946
- (7) Max KOMIGL, butcher
Age unknown
Residing at REHAW, Ascherstr., 1
Has known SUBJECT since 1947
- (8) Hermann PLÖCKL, bookkeeper
Age unknown
Residing at REHAW, Untertortrigg 1
Has known SUBJECT since 1946

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C. PREVIOUS HISTORY:

a. Formal Education:

- (1) Elementary Schools: 1922 to 1926 in PLÄUEN.
(2) Secondary School: 1926 to 1933, Hochschule in PLÄUEN.
(3) University: None
(4) Further schooling was in German Army Schools (see below).

b. Employment History:

- (1) 1933 to 1934: Volunteer for the Vogtländische Maschinenfabrik (VOMO) in PLÄUEN.
(2) 1934 to 1945: Service in German Staffen SS.
(3) March 1945 to July 1950: Worked for US intelligence agency and performed various espionage and information gathering missions in Germany and Switzerland. SUBJECT referred to this organization as ND (Nachricht Dienst) and also K-131 and Organisation 120.
(4) July 1950 to present date: An intermittent house-to-house salesman, and salesman for a whiskey concern in HOF owned by Robert EICHENBERG, residing in PASSHAUSEN CITY, House No. 23.
(5) Present status: Completely unemployed and in dire financial

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c. Military History:

- (1) From 5 October 1934 until 1 April 1937: Joined in DRESDEN-TRACHENBERG, performed routine training and was ordered to the I./SS 2.
- (2) From 1 April 1937 to 30 March 1938: Attended SS-Junkerschule (Officers aspirants training school) in BRAUNSCHWEIG.
- (3) 30 March 1938 to 1 November 1938: SS Administrative School in DACHAU.
- (4) 1 November 1938 to 1 April 1939: SS Region (Oberrebschafft) FULDA-KIRNA in AROLSEN.
- (5) 1 April 1939 to 1 December 1939: SS Officers school in BRAUNSCHWEIG.
- (6) 1 December 1939 to 1 April 1940: Chief of course of instruction in BRESLAU.
- (7) 1 April 1940 to 13 June 1940: Adjutant of non-commissioned officers school - SS in LUBLIN.
- (8) Until 1 November 1940: Platoon leader and adjutant I./SS WESTLAU
- Until 1 February 1941: Company commander of SS replacement DOGLAR.
- Until 7 September 1941: Adjutant of III/ds 9 in Norway.
- On 1 February 1942: Wounded near MURMANSK, Russia and served with KUNISOU, HAFIZIK and SCHICKIN.
- On January 1943: Company commander of Bg Co Tank Detachment in WILDFLEICH, SCHWALBEN and in Russia (ROSTOV, MILIS, etc.).
- On 24.4.43: Advanced to captain, wounded and transferred.
- On 15.5.43: Transferred to SS Tank Training Regiment in KÖLN.
- On 1.6.43: Leader of a platoe for tanks and chief of tank platoe in KÖLN and PALLASOFTZ.
- On 1.7.43: Company commander of the 2. SS Tank Regt. 16 in KÖLN.

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~~GRUPEL, Walter, alias GUNTER
HANS, alias Walter GRUPEL, alias Gunter HANS, alias Gunter HANS~~

(27) June 1944 - transferred to Italy, wounded and in hospitals at
~~VALLETTA and BAU KIRCHEN~~.

(28) 1 December 1944 to 15 January 1945: Major in HQ Company of
Tank Training Regiment in JERZIGAUEN.

(29) 15 January 1945 until end of war: Commander of IIIrd training
Group, non-commissioned officers school in LAIBACH.

(30) Taken prisoner by British and escaped Fit-Janday night 19/20 to
~~VOCHALNECK near SALZBURG~~. (S-4)

9. REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS REPORTS:

- a. Reference is made to IBS, HQ 66th CIC Det, subject: PUBLIC SPYING
SUSPECT ATTACHMENT, file S-66335; VII-2338, dated 11 August 1950.
- b. Reference is made to Agent Report, Region VII, subject: CLANDESTINE
CARRIER SERVICE, file VII-2749, dated 26 March 1951.
- c. Reference is made to Agent Reports, Region VII, subject and file as
above, dated 23 July 1951 and 9 August 1951.
- d. Reference is made to Agent Report, Region VI, subject as above, file
VI-17239, dated 17 August 1951.
- e. Reference is made to IBS, HQ 66th CIC Det, subject: GRUPEL, Walter,
file S-66319; VII-404, dated 27 August 1951.

10. REASONS FOR INVESTIGATION:

- a. Investigation was initiated in order to determine whether SUBJECT is
engaged in espionage activities on behalf of Soviet intelligence.
- b. Reference is made to paragraph 6(b), Section III, of the Consolidated
Orientation and Guidance Report, HQ 66th CIC Det, wherein information concerning
suspected agents of Soviet intelligence is desired.
- c. Reference is made to IBS, HQ 66th CIC Det, subject as above, file
S-66319; VII-404, dated 27 August 1951, Block 2, wherein specific requests
regarding history, background and intelligence activities of SUBJECT
are requested.

11. EXTENT OF INVESTIGATION:

- a. As contained in paragraphs 1 through 8 above.
- b. SUBJECT was in the United States from 6 November 1943, returning to
Germany in October 1944 and being considered at that time to be
a spy (cont.).
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the SS. SUBJECT was wounded several times. He fought in Norway, Italy, Hungary and in Russia. SUBJECT became a prisoner of war of the British at capitulation, escaped and resided with a Dr. KRISTEN in KEMMERN/FRG (K31/F16) using the name Gunter WOLF. He then moved back to his home in FASCHENBERGTH, but remained in semi-hiding because he fell under the orders of automatic arrest. SUBJECT turned himself in to the US Constabulary in January 1947, served in various camps and was finally released at the camp HANNSLEBEN (L51/B37), where he received a D-2 discharge certificate # 9-13000, dated 24 December 1947. In March 1948, SUBJECT made contact with an American intelligence agency through efforts of an East GERMAN, RUDOLPH, residing FASCHENBERGTH 61, a sub-tenant in SUBJECT's place of residence. RUDOLPH, then a Bavarian Border policeman, allegedly worked for CIC. SUBJECT visited the chief of Section R 130, cover name KREUZER, and received the task of performing missions in East Germany and E.S. Germany. SUBJECT referred to this organization as "ED" or "Auslands Dienst". (AGKAT'S NOTE: It is believed that SUBJECT was an agent for either TIE or RAD). SUBJECT reported further contacts with handling agents, who had cover names, NEHER, MUSIKER, HANSEN and KLEIN. On 30 December 1949, SUBJECT went to KREUZER and performed missions for a handling agent named BAER (a cover name). On or about July 1950, SUBJECT was dismissed due to financial discrepancies he was charged with during his employment by the intelligence organization. (P-6)

c. SUBJECT stated that in October 1950 and on several later occasions, he was visited at his home in FASCHENBERGTH by a former school mate of his wife, a Karl KLEIN, residing in PLAUEN, Sachsen-Anhalt. 28, a former German Army officer and presently employed as a bookbinder. KLEIN admitted them to SUBJECT and his wife that he had been sent by the Soviets, under threat of punishment to himself and his family by the NKVD, to ascertain information concerning SUBJECT. KLEIN attempted to extract from SUBJECT the following information:

- (1) SUBJECT's present type of employment.
- (2) SUBJECT's political standing and his like for the occupying powers.
- (3) SUBJECT's financial status.
- (4) SUBJECT's likes, dislikes, preferences and vices.
- (5) Names and location of relatives of SUBJECT residing in the East Zone of Germany. (P-6)

d. SUBJECT stated that he believed that efforts were being made by the Soviets to force or coerce him into either working for the Soviet intelligence or to reveal circumstances regarding his former employment with the US intelligence. (P-6)

e. SUBJECT further stated that he could not give the first names of persons mentioned in his Personal History Statement because the names he had mentioned were cover names and he could not determine whether they were first or last names. SUBJECT further stated that he had sworn to never divulge information as regarding his activities for the US intelligence agency that he

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MALVIN, alias Walter REISINGER, alias Peter GÖTTSCHE, alias Becker KLEIN.

had worked for during the years 1948-1949 and 1950. SUBJECT stated that he had no regular employment since his dismissal by the agency and that his present means of livelihood was through small odd jobs and intermittent house-to-house selling. SUBJECT reaffirmed that he was not engaged in espionage activities against the US Forces or the BORN government. He further expressed his fear of living in the close proximity of the DDR/Bavarian border and hoped that steps could be taken to move him and his family away from the threat such residence presented. He believed that the possibility existed that his children or himself might be kidnapped by the Communists and that such an action might force him to reveal information detrimental to the security of the US Forces.

(AGENT'S NOTES: During course of interview, SUBJECT spoke of his thoughts regarding suicide. Detailed and clarifying reinterrogation was impossible to SUBJECT's frame of mind. It is the opinion of the undersigned Agent that SUBJECT's present mode of life is causing him to become mentally depressive due to the fears that he experiences). KLEIN has attempted no further contact but has sent several friendly letters from the East Zone. (P-4)

2. Attached as Exhibit "F" is a translation of a Personal History Statement which is written and signed by SUBJECT on 12 September 1951. SUBJECT states that the statement was given willingly, without force or duress, and certifies that he does not work against occupational powers. (B-1)

3. Periodical coverage was maintained on SUBJECT from 21 April 1949 to 1 December 1950 and from 1 July 1951 until present date, without positive results. (A-1)

3. ACTION TAKEN AND/OR BEEN TAKEN:

a. Periodical coverage and routine observation will be maintained on SUBJECT for a period of 30 days.

b. If possible, SUBJECT is to be interviewed again at least once a month.

c. No attempt to negotiate his freedom.

RECORDED BY: [Signature]
APPROVED BY: [Signature]

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VII-2749, Region VII, 19 September 1951, subj: GRIPPL, Walter, alias GUNTER HABER, alias HANS JAKOBUS, alias HANS GUNTER, alias GUNTER HABER

(a) Agent Report, Region VII, file VII-2749, dated 2 April 1951,
subject: CLandestine Courier Service.

(b) Agent Report, Region IV, file IV-17366, dated 18 May 1951,
subject: SOVIET-NUND KOMMUNISTISCHE BRÜDERKRIEGER SOLDATEN.

(2) Region VII Registry revealed no additional information concerning personalities mentioned in this report.

b. Comments and Opinions: It is the opinion of the undersigned Agent that SUBJECT has been telling the truth regarding his efforts to keep from working for Soviet intelligence. He has reported contacts made by Karl KLIMM to GDR NKVD and CIC RDP. SUBJECT had been promised safeguarding by his former employers, but has been required to live in the GDR/Bavarian border area. SUBJECT cannot gain employment due to mistrust of him by his neighbors who were cognizant of the fact that he had formerly had connections with US intelligence. It is further the opinion of the undersigned Agent that SUBJECT's residence on the border constitutes a security threat to the US Forces due to the possibility that pressure through action against him or his family could result in his defection to Soviet or GDR intelligence.

c. Recommendations:

(1) Recommend that DAB authorities be made cognizant of the fact that a former employee (SUBJECT) may be living in the border area in circumstances which might be prejudicial to Allied intelligence. Recommend that steps be taken to withdraw SUBJECT and his family from the border area if concurrence of circumstances can be verified and agreed to by DAB.

(2) Recommend that case be closed due to no indication regarding action by SUBJECT to work for Soviet intelligence.

(3) Recommend additional Technical coverage be maintained on SUBJECT for a 90 day period.

APPROVED:

James C. Biddle
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EXHIBIT "P" - Translation of statement of SUBJECT.

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